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Attachments: DRAFT R8 Comments on EJ Integration Measure Guidelines.docx

EJ Steering Committee (EJSC) and EJ Action Team (EJAT),

Attached for your information and opportunity for review/comment are draft Guidelines developed by the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) for piloting the implementation of the overarching Assistant Administrator/Regional Administrator Measure on Environmental Justice Integration. The proposed measure requires each NPM/region to identify significant decisions that demonstrate integration of EJ considerations into a project, policy, or program for the purpose of improving conditions in communities with EJ concerns. The goal is to drive and demonstrate improvement in how EPA integrates EJ considerations into our decisions and actions to produce better environmental and public health outcomes in communities with EJ concerns. Henry Darwin is expected to announce the new EJ Integration Measure and kick off the pilot phase (which will last the remainder of this FY) during the March 18th meeting of the Agency's Environmental Justice and Community Revitalization Council (EJCRC).

OEJ has requested any feedback on the draft Guidelines by March 20th. Note that the attached version of the Guidelines already includes some proposed R8 feedback in the form of Track Changes and comments. Should you wish to add any feedback, please provide it to me by COB March 19th. The EJAT will be receiving training on the new measure during our meeting scheduled for tomorrow, March 12th. The EJSC will also receive more detailed information on the new measure during its next meeting (date TBD).

Please contact me should you have any questions or wish to discuss.

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